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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims** (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

- 1        1. (Previously Presented) A personal computer comprising:
  - 2            a built-in microphone for detecting ambient noise;
  - 3            a noise cancellation module coupled to the microphone that generates
  - 4            a noise cancellation signal responsive to the detected ambient noise; and
  - 5            a digital signal processor for mixing the noise cancellation signal with
  - 6            an audio signal provided from a desired source for provision to a standard
  - 7            headphone compatible audio output connection to reduce headphone noise.
- 1        2. (Previously Presented) The personal computer of claim 1 and  
2            further comprising an optical disc drive for providing the audio signal.
- 1        3. (Previously Presented) The personal computer of claim 1  
2            wherein the noise cancellation module comprises a software program  
3            running on a processor.
- 1        4. (Previously Presented) The personal computer of claim 1  
2            wherein the microprocessor is the central processing unit for the computer  
3            system.
- 1        5. (Previously Presented) The personal computer of claim 1  
2            wherein the digital signal processor is located on a sound board.
6.        (Cancelled)
- 1        7. (Previously Presented) The personal computer of claim 1  
2            wherein the computer system is a mobile computer.

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1       8. (Previously Presented) A method of reducing ambient noise  
2 normally heard by a user through headphones when listening to audio  
3 provided via a mobile computer system, comprising:

4           detecting the ambient noise via a microphone built-in to the mobile  
5 computer system;

6           generating a noise cancellation signal based on the detected ambient  
7 noise; and

8           mixing the noise cancellation signal with the audio from the compact  
9 disc,

10          wherein the mixed signal is applied to a standard headphone  
11 compatible audio output connection to reduce the ambient noise in the  
12 headphones.

1       9. (Original) The method of claim 8 and further comprising  
2 converting the detected ambient noise to an electrical signal.

1       10. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein detecting the ambient  
2 noise is performed using a built-in microphone within the mobile computer  
3 system.

1       11. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein generation of the  
2 noise cancellation signal is done when the optical disc drive is active.

1       12. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein generation of the  
2 noise cancellation signal is initiated manually via a software interface.

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1        13. (Previously Presented) A machine readable medium having  
2 machine readable instructions stored thereon for causing a computer to  
3 perform the steps comprising:

4            detecting environmental background noise via a microphone built-in to  
5 the computer;

6            converting the detected environmental background noise into an  
7 electrical signal;

8            generating a noise cancellation signal based on the electrical signal;  
9 and

10            mixing the noise cancellation signal with an audio signal for provision  
11 to a standard headphone compatible audio output connection to reduce  
12 headphone noise.

1        14. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 13 wherein the  
2 step of generating a noise cancellation signal is performed automatically  
3 when the optical disc drive is active.

1        15. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 13 wherein the  
2 step of generating a noise cancellation signal is activated through a  
3 software interface.

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1        16. (Previously Presented) A personal computer comprising:  
2            a housing;  
3            a microprocessor mounted on the housing;  
4            memory coupled to the microprocessor,  
5            a storage device coupled to the microprocessor;  
6            a microphone built into the housing for detecting noise ambient to the  
7            housing;  
8            a noise cancellation module coupled to the microphone that generates  
9            a noise cancellation signal responsive to the detected ambient noise; and  
10           a digital signal processor for mixing the noise cancellation signal with  
11          an audio signal provided from a desired source for provision to a standard  
12          headset compatible audio output connection to reduce headphone noise.

1        17. (Previously Presented) The personal computer of claim 16 and  
2          further comprising a display device integrated into the display device.

1        18. (Previously Presented) The personal computer of claim 17  
2          wherein the personal computer comprises a mobile computer system having  
3          a source of power.

1        19. (Original) The personal computer of claim 16 wherein the noise  
2          cancellation module is part of the microprocessor.

1        20. (Original) The personal computer of claim 17 wherein the  
2          personal computer comprises a mobile computer system and the noise  
3          cancellation module is provided by the microprocessor.

1        21. (Original) The personal computer of claim 1 wherein the audio  
2          source comprises a compact disc playing game or music sounds.

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1        22. (Original) The personal computer of claim 1 wherein the noise  
2 cancellation signal is mixed with the audio signal to cancel ambient noise  
3 such that the audio signal is audible through a speaker coupled to the audio  
4 output connection.

1        23. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the audio from the  
2 compact disc comprises music.

1        24. (Previously Presented) A mobile computer comprising:  
2              a microphone integrated into the mobile computer for detecting  
3 ambient noise;  
4              a noise cancellation software module coupled to the microphone that  
5 generates a noise cancellation signal responsive to the detected ambient  
6 noise, and having a profile for compensating for keyboard key clicks  
7 detected by the microphone; and  
8              a digital signal processor for mixing the noise cancellation signal with  
9 an audio signal provided from a desired source for provision to an audio  
10 output connection for a standard headset.

1        25. (Previously Presented) The mobile computer of claim 24 wherein  
2 the audio output connection comprises an analog output port.

1        26. (Previously Presented) The mobile computer of claim 25 and  
2 further comprising a digital to analog converter coupled between the digital  
3 signal processor and analog output port.

1        27. (Previously Presented) The mobile computer of claim 24 wherein  
2 the noise cancellation signal is generated when a source of audio output is  
3 activated.

28. (Cancelled)

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1        29. (Previously Presented) The personal computer of claim 1  
2        wherein said noise cancellation module generates the noise cancellation  
3        signal based on said ambient noise, said noise cancellation signal being  
4        generated in a form suitable to reduce headphone noise in the standard set  
5        of headphones connected via the audio output connection.

1        30. (Previously Presented) The personal computer of claim 1  
2        wherein said headphone noise comes from a same source as said ambient  
3        noise.

1        31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 wherein said noise  
2        cancellation signal is generated based on the detected ambient noise in a  
3        format suitable to reduce headphone noise in the standard set of headphones  
4        connected via the audio output connection.

1        32. (Previously Presented) The method of chum 8 wherein said  
2        headphone noise comes from a same source as said ambient noise.

1        33. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim  
2        13 wherein said noise cancellation signal is generated based on the detected  
3        ambient noise in a formal suitable to reduce headphone noise in the standard  
4        set of headphones connected via the audio output connection.

1        34. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim  
2        13 wherein said headphone noise comes from a same source as said ambient  
3        noise.

1        35. (Previously Presented) The personal computer of claim 16  
2        wherein said noise cancellation module generates the noise cancellation  
3        signal based on said ambient noise, said noise cancellation signal being  
4        generated in a format suitable to reduce headphone noise in the standard set  
5        of headphones connected via the audio output connection.

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1       36. (Previously Presented) The personal computer of claim 16  
2 wherein said headphone noise comes from a same source as said ambient  
3 noise.

1       37. (Previously Presented) The mobile computer of claim 24 wherein  
2 said noise cancellation module generates the noise cancellation signal based  
3 on said ambient noise, said noise cancellation signal being generated in a  
4 format suitable to reduce headphone noise in the standard set of headphones  
5 connected via the audio output connection.

1       38. (Currently Amended) The mobile computer of claim 24 wherein  
2 said headphone noise comes from a ~~some~~ same source as said ambient noise.